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Mr. Kyle Duffy
Environmental, Health and Safety Manager
International Paper-Franklin Mill
34040 Union Camp Drive
Franklin, VA 23851

Re: Reissuance of VPDES Permit Number VA0004162
International Paper-Franklin Mill
Franklin, VA

Dear Mr. Duffy:

The State Water Control Board is considering reissuing the referenced permit. Please review the enclosed public notice and draft permit package carefully. Respond to this office within 14 days with your approval or with comments so that we may adequately address any concerns.

Certain public notice procedures must be complied with before the actual permit can be approved. They are as follows:

1. The attached public notice must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general local circulation. Please complete, sign, and return the attached authorization form which will allow us to mail the notice to the newspaper and allow the newspaper to bill you for the public notice. Please return the Public Notice Authorization as soon as possible so that we can continue processing your permit. If you have not submitted the authorization form within 14 days, permit processing will cease. In order for you to continue to discharge under state and federal laws, a new permit must be issued by the expiration date of the current permit. The term of the current permit cannot be extended beyond its expiration date if the owner is the cause of the delay in permit reissuance.
2. A minimum of 30 days will be allowed for public response following the date of the first public notice. If no public response is received, or the public response can be satisfactorily answered, then the permit will be processed. However, if there is significant public response, then we may hold a public hearing. You will be advised if this occurs.

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If you have any questions or comments on the draft permit or public notice requirements, please call me at (757) 518-2162, or email debra.thompson@deq.virginia.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Debra L. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "T".

Debra L. Thompson
Environmental Specialist Senior

Encl: Draft Permit and Fact Sheet
Public Notice

Cc: DEQ – ECM - VA0004162

**AUTHORIZATION TO BILL APPLICANT FOR
A PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR
INTERNATIONAL PAPER-FRANKLIN MILL, FRANKLIN, VA
RE: PERMIT NO. VA0004162**

I hereby authorize the Department of Environmental Quality to have the cost of publishing a public notice billed to the Agent/Department shown below. The public notice will be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the: (Tidewater News)

Agent/Department to be billed:

Applicant's Address:

Agent's Telephone No:

I AM ALSO AUTHORIZING THE TIDEWATER NEWS TO SEND THE AFFIDAVIT TO:

**DEQ TIDEWATER REGIONAL OFFICE
ATTN: WATER PERMITS- CATHY JENSON
5636 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23462**

Authorizing Agent/Date Signed:

Print Name/Date Signed

Authorizing Agent's
Signature

Signature

Agent's E-Mail Address:

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

DEQ – Tidewater Regional Office
Water Permits – ATTN: Cathy Jenson
5636 Southern Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Cc: (DEQ ECM - VA0004162)

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Franklin, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 30 days from the first date of this public notice (**date to be inserted by newspaper**)

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: International Paper-Franklin Mill; 34040 Union Camp Drive, Franklin, VA 23851, VA0004162

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Same as above

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: International Paper has applied for {a new}{a modified}{reissuance of a} permit for the Franklin Mill facility. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater from the operation of a mill to manufacture bleached fluff pulp at a rate of 125 million gallons per day during the period November to March each year into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewaters into the Blackwater River/Chowan and Dismal Swamp, Suffolk, VA and Washole Creek and Kingsdale Swamp/Chowan and Dismal Swamp, Franklin, VA in the Chowan watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: flow, pH, TSS, BOD, Phosphorus, Ammonia-Nitrogen, Dioxins, Furan, AOX, Chloroform, Chlorinated Phenolic Pollutants, and Average Kappa Number.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: DEBRA THOMPSON; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Va Beach, VA 23462; Phone: 757-518-2162; E-mail: debra.thompson@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.